



1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The Village of Maywood will celebrate the 125th
3 anniversary of its incorporation on October 22, 2006; and

4 WHEREAS, A planned community from the outset, Maywood lies
5 on the west bank of the Des Plaines River, stretching from
6 Roosevelt Road on the south to just beyond Augusta Street on
7 the north; Maywood was originally part of a larger area known
8 as Noyesville, named after one of Proviso Township's early
9 settlers, who established the area's first post office in the
10 mid-1830s; and

11 WHEREAS, In 1869, a group of Vermont businessmen formed the
12 Maywood Company and purchased the Village's original plat, a
13 narrow, one-and-three-quarters-mile strip along the Des
14 Plaines River; Company President Colonel William T. Nichols
15 named the Village after his daughter May and immediately began
16 subdividing the land and creating improvements necessary to
17 "build up a neat, desirable suburb"; and

18 WHEREAS, Since its incorporation as a village in 1881,
19 Maywood's economic development has hinged on light industry,
20 starting in 1883, when the Norton Brothers purchased the old
21 road scraper and ditch digger plant in the Village, which they
22 established as an operating can manufacturing unit by 1885; in
23 1901, the American Can Company purchased the plant from the
24 Norton Brothers; other industries were subsequently attracted
25 to the area, located primarily within the factory district
26 along the north side of the railroad tracks; and

27 WHEREAS, Maywood gained a major institution in 1918 when
28 the Edward Hines Jr. Veterans Memorial Hospital was established
29 for the care of war veterans; Village businesses and their
30 workers were served by excellent transportation, including the
31 Chicago & North Western train (1870), electric street railways

1 (1893), and Chicago's rapid transit system; during the 1920s,
2 Checkerboard Field (now Miller Meadow) provided air service;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, After an economic downturn in the 1970s, somewhat
5 offset by the introduction of the Loyola University Medical
6 Center during the 1960s, Maywood began to rebound in the 1990s;
7 in an attempt to attract new industry and businesses, the
8 Village established a tax increment financing district on the
9 former site of American Can Company, which was leveled in 1997;
10 therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
12 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
13 we recognize the 125th anniversary of the incorporation of the
14 Village of Maywood; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
16 presented to the Village of Maywood as an expression of our
17 esteem and with best wishes for a prosperous future.